

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 12, 15-17, 20, 24, and 25.

Please enter the pending claims, including claims 1-27 as follows:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
2 creating a play list based on a user's preferences;
3 occasionally connecting a portable device of the user to a network;
4 submitting the play list to a multimedia content provider through the
5 network;
6 gathering multimedia content specified in the play list;
7 downloading the multimedia content to a multimedia content cache in the
8 portable device;
9 disconnecting the portable device from the network; and
10 playing the multimedia content on the portable device.

1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein creating a play list comprises:
2 creating an initial play list based on at least one of the following: the user's
3 specifications, a play list pre-defined by the user, and a play list pre-determined
4 by the multimedia content provider;

5 expanding the initial play list by recommending to the user additional
6 content based on the user's preferences; and
7 refining the expanded initial play list based on the user's feedback.

1 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein expanding the initial play list
2 comprises cross-pollinating the initial play list using play lists of other users.

1 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the portable device
2 comprises a computer ~~portable device~~.

1 5. (Original) The method for claim 1, wherein playing the multimedia content
2 comprises accessing the multimedia content and rendering the multimedia
3 content to the user.

1 6. (Original) The method for claim 5, wherein accessing the multimedia content
2 comprises at least one of the following: unpacking, decrypting, decompressing,
3 and decoding the multimedia content.

1 7. (Original) The method for claim 1, wherein the network comprises at least
2 one of the following: a local area network, a wide area network, the Internet, a
3 terrestrial broadcast network, and a wireless network.

1 8. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
2 connecting occasionally to a portable device through the Internet;
3 accepting a play list of multimedia files from a user of the portable device;
4 searching a database for multimedia content according to the play list;
5 processing the multimedia content before the multimedia content is
6 downloaded; and
7 transferring the multimedia content to the portable device.

1 9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the occasionally-
2 connected portable device comprises a computer ~~portable device~~.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein processing the multimedia files
2 comprises at least one of the following: packaging, encrypting, compressing, and
3 encoding the multimedia files.

1 11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the database comprises at least
2 one of static and dynamic multimedia content.

1 12. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
2 a play list creator capable of creating a play list of multimedia files;
3 a multimedia content provider capable of providing multimedia files
4 specified by the play list for a user to download;

5 a portable multimedia content cache capable of receiving the multimedia
6 files through a network while occasionally connected and storing the multimedia
7 files; and

8 a portable multimedia content player capable of accessing and rendering
9 the multimedia contents to the user.

1 13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the play list creator comprises:

2 a play list generating mechanism capable of generating a play list;

3 a pre-determining mechanism capable of at least one of the following:

4 receiving parameters specifying the user's preferences, loading a user pre-
5 defined play list, and providing a number of play lists pre-determined by the
6 multimedia content provider;

7 a recommendation mechanism capable of expanding the play list by
8 recommending additional multimedia files; and

9 a user feedback uploading mechanism capable of uploading the user
10 feedback to refine the play list.

1 14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the multimedia content provider
2 comprises:

3 a communication port;

4 a multimedia content database;

5 a searching mechanism capable of searching the multimedia content
6 database for multimedia files in the play list; and

7 a content processing mechanism capable of at least one of the following:
8 packaging, encrypting, compressing, and encoding the multimedia files.

1 15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the portable
2 multimedia content cache comprises:
3 a communication port;
4 a receiving component capable of downloading and receiving the
5 multimedia files from the multimedia content provider through a network; and
6 a storage component capable of storing the multimedia files.

1 16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the portable
2 multimedia content player comprises:
3 a multimedia content access module capable of at least one of the
4 following: unpacking, decrypting, decompressing, and decoding the multimedia
5 files stored in the portable multimedia content cache; and
6 a multimedia content rendering mechanism capable of rendering the
7 multimedia files to a user.

1 17. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:
2 a machine accessible medium having content stored thereon, wherein
3 when the content is accessed by a processor, the content provides for caching
4 multimedia content to a portable device by:
5 creating a play list based on preferences of a user of the portable
6 device;
7 submitting the play list to a multimedia content provider through a
8 network while the portable device is occasionally connected;

9 downloading multimedia content in the play list to [[a]] the
10 portable device when the portable device is connected to the multimedia content
11 provider and caching the multimedia content on the portable device; and
12 playing the cached multimedia content while the portable device is
13 not connected to the multimedia content provider.

1 18. (Original) The article of claim 17, wherein the content for creating a play list
2 comprises content for:
3 creating an initial play list based on at least one of the following: the user's
4 specifications, a play list pre-defined by the user, and a play list pre-determined
5 by the multimedia content provider;
6 expanding the initial play list by recommending to the user additional
7 content based on the user's preferences; and
8 refining the expanded initial play list based on the user's feedback.

1 19. (Original) The article of claim 18, wherein the content for expanding the
2 initial play list comprises cross-pollinating the initial play list using play lists of
3 other users.

1 20. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 17, wherein the portable device
2 comprises a computer ~~portable device~~.

1 21. (Original) The article for claim 17, wherein the content for playing the
2 multimedia content comprises content for accessing the multimedia content and
3 content for rendering the multimedia content to the user.

1 22. (Original) The article for claim 21, wherein the content for accessing the
2 multimedia content comprises content for at least one of the following:
3 unpacking, decrypting, decompressing, and decoding the multimedia content.

1 23. (Original) The article for claim 17, wherein the network comprises at least
2 one of the following: a local area network, a wide area network, the Internet, a
3 terrestrial broadcast network, and a wireless network.

1 24. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:
2 a machine accessible medium having content stored thereon, wherein
3 when the content is accessed by a processor, the content provides for distributing
4 multimedia files by:
5 accepting a play list of multimedia files;
6 searching a database for multimedia content according to the play
7 list;
8 processing the multimedia content before the multimedia content is
9 downloaded; and
10 transferring the multimedia content to an occasionally-connected
11 portable device while connected.

1 25. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 24, wherein the occasionally-
2 connected portable device comprises a computer ~~portable device~~.

1 26. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the content for processing the
2 multimedia files comprises content for at least one of the following: packaging,
3 encrypting, compressing, and encoding the multimedia files.

1 27. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the database comprises at least one
2 of static and dynamic multimedia content.